

**UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL**  
**on**  
**MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION**

**IN RE: ASBESTOS PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION (NO. VI)**

MDL No. 875

(SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE)

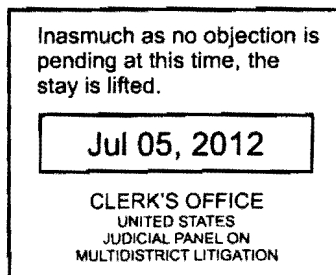
**CONDITIONAL REMAND ORDER**

The transferee court in this litigation has, in the actions on this conditional remand order: (1) severed all claims for punitive or exemplary damages; and (2) advised the Panel that coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with respect to the remaining claims have been completed and that remand to the transferor court(s), as provided in 28 U.S.C. §1407(a), is appropriate.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all claims in the action(s) on this conditional remand order except the severed damages claims be remanded to its/their respective transferor court(s).

IT IS ALSO ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 10.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, the transmittal of this order to the transferee clerk for filing shall be stayed 7 days from the date of this order. If any party files a notice of opposition with the Clerk of the Panel within this 7-day period, the stay will be continued until further order of the Panel. This order does not become effective until it is filed in the office of the Clerk for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 10.4(a), the parties shall furnish the Clerk for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania with a stipulation or designation of the contents of the record to be remanded and all necessary copies of any pleadings or other matter filed so as to enable said Clerk to comply with the order of remand.




FOR THE PANEL:

  
Jeffery N. Lüthi  
Clerk of the Panel

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DATED: 7/5/2012

TEST:   
DEPUTY CLERK, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**IN RE: ASBESTOS PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
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**SCHEDULE FOR CRO**

<b>TRANSFeree</b>			<b>TRANSFEROR</b>			<b>CASE CAPTION</b>
<b>DIST</b>	<b>DIV.</b>	<b>C.A.NO.</b>	<b>DIST</b>	<b>DIV.</b>	<b>C.A.NO.</b>	
PAE	2	09-62913	CAN	3	05-01533	SETTERBERG v. NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND DRY DOCK COMPANY et al
PAE	2	09-62917	CAN	3	05-04084	CLEMMER v. VIAD CORP. et al
PAE	2	09-62918	CAN	3	05-04085	COURIS et al v. VIAD CORP. et al
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PAE	2	09-66188	CAN	3	09-00364	MCCURTIS v. FOSTER WHEELER LLC et al

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PAE	2	09-67105	CAN	3	09-00709	Daniel Riedinger v. General Electric Co., et al.
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PAE	2	09-80024	CAN	3	09-02757	Charley Brown v. General Electric Co.
PAE	2	09-80025	CAN	3	09-02806	Jack Reynolds v. General Electric Co., et al.
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PAE	2	09-90812	CAN	3	09-03185	BULLOCK v. GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY et al
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PAE	2	11-60067	CAN	3	10-05932	TURNER v. GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY et al
PAE	2	11-63528	CAN	3	11-00424	ADAMSON et al v. GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
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* PAE	2	09-63985	CAN	3	05-01461	Karl Nylund v. Viacom Inc., et al.
* PAE	2	09-63997	CAN	3	05-01461	William Palma v. Viacom Inc., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64005	CAN	3	05-04510	Erlinda Riker v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64008	CAN	3	05-04945	Stanley Sparks v. Lockheed Martin Corporation, et al.
* PAE	2	09-64010	CAN	3	05-04945	Denzile Evans v. Lockheed Martin Corporation, et al.
* PAE	2	09-64011	CAN	3	05-04945	Philip Thornburg v. Lockheed Martin Corporation, et al.
* PAE	2	09-64012	CAN	3	05-04946	Jennifer Oxford, et al. v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64013	CAN	3	05-04946	Carolyn Ann Williams, et al. v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64016	CAN	4	06-02134	Richard Smid v. General Electric Co., et al.

* PAE	2	09-64019	CAN	3	06-03724	David Daniels v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64020	CAN	3	06-03724	Wilfred Jodoin v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64024	CAN	3	07-02542	James Guthrie v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64025	CAN	3	07-02542	Tony Davidson v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64026	CAN	3	07-02542	Ronald Zerangue v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64027	CAN	3	07-02542	Samuel Rester v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64028	CAN	3	07-02542	John Gray v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64029	CAN	3	07-02542	Elmer Parolini v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64032	CAN	3	07-02543	Michael Halseth v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64033	CAN	3	07-02543	Robert Wagenman v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64035	CAN	3	07-02543	Donald Hunter v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64039	CAN	3	08-04400	Jerry Peal v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64040	CAN	3	08-04400	Donald Salisbury v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64041	CAN	3	08-04400	Oscar Sunken v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64042	CAN	3	08-04401	Albert Hutto v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64045	CAN	3	08-04401	Lynn Patrick Schmidt v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64046	CAN	3	08-04401	Michael Steinberger v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64047	CAN	3	08-04401	Barry Burnham v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64048	CAN	3	08-04415	Larry Yabarra v. General Electric Co.
* PAE	2	09-64049	CAN	3	08-04415	Norman Carveth v. General Electric Co.
* PAE	2	09-64050	CAN	3	08-04415	Charles Sarver v. General Electric Co.
* PAE	2	09-64051	CAN	3	08-04415	Bland Burks v. General Electric Co.
* PAE	2	09-64059	CAN	3	08-04461	Joseph Murray v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64303	CAN	3	08-03181	Jeffery Mccue, et al. v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64310	CAN	3	08-00228	John L. Davis v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64312	CAN	3	08-00228	John L. Davis v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64314	CAN	3	08-00228	John L. Davis v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-64315	CAN	3	07-04352	Gillian Carolan, et al. v. General Electric Co.
* PAE	2	09-64316	CAN	3	07-04352	Gillian Carolan, et al. v. General Electric Co.
* PAE	2	09-64317	CAN	3	08-00230	Naomi Beurman-white, et al. v. General Electric Co., et al.
* PAE	2	09-68010	CAN	3	09-00363	Wesley Joe Embrey, et al. v. General Electric Co.
* PAE	2	09-68013	CAN	3	09-00363	Clair Yarbrough, et al. v. General Electric Co.

\* – denotes that the civil action has been severed.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: ASBESTOS PRODUCTS : Consolidated Under  
LIABILITY LITIGATION (No. VI) : MDL DOCKET NO. 875  
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VARIOUS PLAINTIFFS **FILED** : Transferred from the Northern  
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v. MAY - 8 2012 : District of California  
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VARIOUS DEFENDANTS **MICHAEL E. KUNZ** : Cases listed in Exhibit "A,"  
By                      Dep. Clerk : attached

**SUGGESTION OF REMAND**

**AND NOW**, this **8th** day of **May, 2012**, it is hereby  
**ORDERED** that, upon review of the above captioned case under MDL-  
875 Administrative Order no. 18 (01-md-875, doc. no. 6197), the  
Court finds that, as to the above-captioned case:

- a.) Plaintiff has complied with MDL-875 Administrative  
Orders 12 and 12A (see the MDL 875 website's Administrative  
Orders page, at <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875d.asp>).
- b.) Parties have completed their obligations under the Rule  
16 order issued by the Court.
- c.) All discovery has been completed.
- d.) The Court has adjudicated all outstanding motions,  
including dispositive motions. Particularly relevant rulings  
include:
  - i. Plaintiffs and Defendant General Electric  
Company ("GE") in this case agreed to be  
bound by certain rulings on motions for  
summary judgment filed in similar cases. In  
those other cases, GE's motions for summary

judgment were granted in part and denied in part.<sup>1</sup>

e.) Rule 18 settlement discussions have been exhausted at this time as to the remaining viable defendants.

f.) The Court finds that this case is prepared for trial without delay once on the transferor court's docket, subject to any motions trial-related in limine (including Daubert challenges).

g.) The remaining viable Defendants for trial are listed on Exhibit "A," attached.

h.) Any demand for punitive damages is severed, and claims for punitive or exemplary damages are retained by the MDL-875 Court. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(b).

Accordingly, the Court **SUGGESTS** that the above-captioned case should be **REMANDED** to the United States District Court for the **Northern District of California** for resolution of all matters pending within this case except punitive damages.<sup>2</sup>

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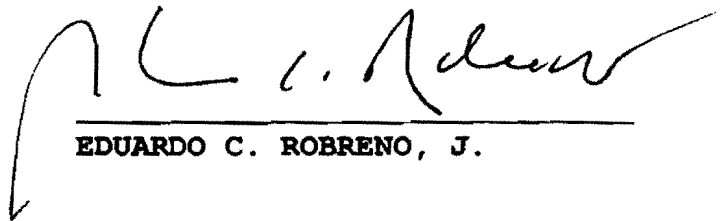
<sup>1</sup> The relevant opinion by Judge Robreno is available here:  
<http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/documents/MDL/MDL875/opinions/4.3.12%20Memo%20opinion%20re%205%20cal%20cases.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The Court finds that the issue of punitive damages must be resolved at a future date with regard to the entire MDL-875 action, and therefore any claims for punitive or exemplary damages are hereby **SEVERED** from this case and retained by the MDL-875 Court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. See In re Collins, 233 F.3d 809, 810 (3d Cir. 2000) ("It is responsible public policy to give priority to compensatory claims over exemplary punitive damage windfalls; this prudent conservation more than vindicates the Panel's decision to withhold punitive



Alternatively, parties in the below-listed cases have **seven (7) days** within which to consent to a trial before an Article III or Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In such an event, if consent is granted, a trial will be scheduled within sixty (60) days, on a date convenient to the parties in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Suggestion of Remand will be vacated.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**



**EDUARDO C. ROBRENO, J.**

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damage claims on remand."); see also In re Roberts, 178 F.3d 181 (3d Cir. 1999).

**EXHIBIT A**

EDPA No.	ND Cal. No.	District	Caption	Pending Defendants
09-62905	08-04925	CA-N	Rood v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62910	08-04656	CA-N	Lunsford et al v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62913	05-01533	CA-N	Setterberg v. Newport News Shipbuilding And Dry Dock Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62917	05-04084	CA-N	Clemmer v. Viad Corp., et al.	ALSTOM POWER, INC.; GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62918	05-04085	CA-N	Couris et al v. Viad Corp. et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62921	05-04947	CA-N	Bartholomew v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62922	05-04998	CA-N	Rice, et al. v. General Electric Co., et al.	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62924	06-00692	CA-N	Taylor v. Viad Corp. et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62925	06-00843	CA-N	Cody v. General Electric Company	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62926	06-01634	CA-N	Mathews v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62928	06-02901	CA-N	Tolva v. General Electric Company	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
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09-62939	08-00229	CA-N	Rabener v. General Electric Company et al	CRAMP SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY; GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62941	08-00980	CA-N	Hanna v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY



09-62942	08-00981	CA-N	Taylor v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62943	08-00982	CA-N	Cantlin v. General Electric Company, et al.	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-62998	05-05235	CA-N	Calderon v. General Electric Company	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-63000	08-00969	CA-N	Price et al v. General Electric Company et al	CRAMP SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY; GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY; NEW YORK SHIPBUILDING CORP.
09-63001	07-01274	CA-N	Finkelstein v. General Electric Company	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-63699	05-04347	CA-N	Marcelja et al v. Todd Shipyards Corporation et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
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09-63985	05-01461	CA-N	Nylund v. Viacom Inc. et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-63997	05-01461	CA-N	Palma v. Viacom Inc. et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-64005	05-04510	CA-N	Riker v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-64008	05-04945	CA-N	Sparks v. Lockheed Martin Corporation et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-64010	05-04945	CA-N	Evans v. General Electric Company	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-64011	05-04945	CA-N	Thornburg v. Lockheed Martin Corporation et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

09-64012	05-04946	CA-N	Oxford v. General Electric Co., et al.	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
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09-64032	07-02543	CA-N	Halseth v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
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09-64041	08-04400	CA-N	Sunken v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

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09-64314	08-00228	CA-N	Eddy v. General Electric Company et al	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
09-64315	07-04352	CA-N	Carolan et al v. General Electric Company	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
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## **SUGGESTION OF REMAND MEMORANDUM**

Updated November 4, 2011

**To:** Transferor Judge

**From:** Judge Eduardo C. Robreno, Presiding Judicial Officer, MDL 875

**Re:** Asbestos case that has been transferred to your court

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### **Status of the case that has been transferred from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

This case has been transferred back to the transferor court, from the MDL 875 Court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Cases that are remanded to transferor courts are ordinarily ready for trial, pursuant to this Court's Administrative Order No. 18 (see <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875d.asp>).

Specific information regarding the history of a specific case while it was in the MDL 875 Court can be found in the Suggestion of Remand (above) that the MDL Court submitted to the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation in connection with its Order.

### **History of MDL 875, In re: Asbestos Products Liability Litigation**

MDL 875, In re: Asbestos Products Liability Litigation, involves issues relating to personal injury damages caused by asbestos products. It currently consists of about 12,000 cases transferred by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, which has been transferring cases to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania since 1991. Each case typically consists of claims by multiple plaintiffs against multiple defendants. Since its inception, the litigation has involved more than 100,000 cases and up to ten million claims, including land-based and maritime claims ("MARDOC").

Beginning with Administrative Order No. 12 (see <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875d.asp>) in 2008, the Court initiated an aggressive, pro-active policy to facilitate the processing of cases. The policy involves giving newly transferred cases scheduling orders; setting cases for settlement conferences; having motion hearings; and remanding trial-ready cases to transferor courts, or, in the alternative, holding trials in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (if so requested by the parties).

### **Resources available for transferor courts on the MDL 875 website**

More information about the history of MDL 875 can be found on the Eastern District of Pennsylvania's MDL 875 website at <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875a.asp>. Additionally, all Administrative Orders issued in this litigation (including current Orders and those no longer in effect) can be found at <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875d.asp>.

Also on the website is an Excel spreadsheet of all decisions issued by the Presiding Officer on



substantive and procedural matters since 2008 (see <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875n.asp>). This spreadsheet is updated regularly, and it can be sorted by jurisdiction, case caption, subject matter, party name, etc. It is also word searchable. The MDL-875 Court intends this spreadsheet to be a helpful resource for transferor courts addressing issues similar to those already addressed by the MDL-875 Court.

Other options available to assist the Transferor Court with legal research include searchable databases created by LexisNexis and Westlaw. Directions on how to access these databases can be found on <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875n.asp>.

#### **Contact information for the MDL 875 Court**

The MDL 875 Court is ready, willing and able to assist the transferor court with any matters relating to the transfer of the case or any substantive or procedural issues that may arise.

You may contact the Presiding Judicial Officer (Judge\_Eduardo\_Robreno@paed.uscourts.gov), the MDL 875 asbestos law clerk (Michele\_Ventura@paed.uscourts.gov or (267) 299-7422), or the Clerk's Office ((267) 299-7012) for further assistance.

#### **Intercircuit Assignment Committee**

The Intercircuit Assignment Committee of the Judicial Conference, under the leadership of Judge J. Frederick Motz of the District of Maryland, can assist in the identification and assignment of a senior judge from another District who is ready, willing and able to preside over the trial of this case. If appropriate, please contact Judge Motz at Judge\_J\_Frederick\_Motz@mdd.uscourts.gov or (410) 962-0782.